Subjects convicted of certain crimes in North Carolina are required to register as sex offenders with their local Sheriff's Office. This registration may be for a certain number of years or for their lifetime depending on their conviction. The Sheriff's Office maintains a county registry, but a statewide registry in maintained online by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations. The statewide registry can be searched by county, address, name, zip code or coordinates. The registry provides a map of registered sex offenders with photographs and details of the crimes convicted. The statewide registry may be viewed at the following site http://sexoffender.ncdoj.gov/search.aspx.